

Appln No. 09/997,264

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 11-12 has been added to the listing of claims and labeled withdrawn. Claims 11-12 were inadvertently not listed in the listing of claims in Applicant's Amendment filed on November 17, 2003.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance, and a timely indication of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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